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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON U.S. CHINA

POLICY TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER

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1. ALL APRIL 15 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED AN AP DISPATCH OF APRIL 13 WHICH REPORTED PORTIONS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON U.S. CHINA POLICY IN HIS APRIL 13 ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS.

2. IN ADDITION, THE CHINESE-LANGUAGE PRESS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING CNA DISPATCH: "U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TODAY ADMITTED THAT DUE TO DRAMATIC INTERNAL CHANGES IN THE U.S. AND THE PRC, US/PRC RELATIONS HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES. WHEN ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS, KISSINGER DISCUSSED CURRENT US/PRC RELATIONS. ASKED IF HE WAS SORRY TO LOSE THE CHANCE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING, KISSINGER REPLIED THAT DUE TO IRRESOLUTION IN THE U.S. AND THE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE PRC, THE EXECUTION OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE NOW FACED VARIOUS PROBLEMS."

3. COMMENT: THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE ITEMS WERE TREATED

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BY THE LOCAL PRESS IS INDICATIVE OF PERSISTING ATTEMPTS BY

THE MEDIA TO PUT THE BEST FACE POSSIBLE (FROM THE GROC'S VIEW) ON STATEMENTS ON U.S. CHINA POLICY BY U.S. OFFICIALS. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE AP ARTICLE AS QUOTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS IS SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED IN THE USIA WIRELESS OF APRIL 14, NO MENTION WAS MADE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE WIRELESS THAT "THE DIRECTION (OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE) IS CLEAR, IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE FULL TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS PERTAINING TO U.S. CHINA POLICY, INCLUDING HIS RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, IF AVAILABLE.
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